

This is a must-read for anyone interested in the historical politics of linguistics.

The second book I'd like to highlight is *Kalyam Kooch-i-Ishq*, co-written by Syed Ahmad Iqbal Tirmazi and Iftikhar Ahmad Hafiz Qadri. This book explores the life of the Sufi adept Hazrat Mian Fazluddin Kalyami Chishti Sabri (1808–1892), whose shrine is located in Mandra, Gujar Khan. It was published to mark his 133rd death anniversary.

Iftikhar Qadri, a traveller and author, collaborated with Ahmad Iqbal Tirmazi, a poet who has embraced the journey of self-discovery through sufism. Last year, Tirmazi published and distributed for free the historic text *Dala'il al-Khayraat*, which compiles prayers of peace and blessings upon the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him).

According to Peer Mehr Ali Shah's biographer in *Mehr-i-Munir*, funeral prayers for Mian Kalyami were led by Peer Mehr Ali Shah. As per his will, a *sarangi* was played during the funeral and women sang wedding songs instead of laments – a testament to the unique spirit of the Sufis of our region.

These legacies and shrines, in my view, are not the sole property of individuals or families but represent the collective heritage of common people. In a world filled with distractions and discontent, there is a pressing need for the green refuge of mysticism and inner peace. This book beautifully rekindles that golden trail.

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